

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 30, 2013 – Regular Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Stanley Bliss, Joseph Fabini, and Ron Larrivee

Absent: Richard Hopkins, (excused) and Ronald Olson Jr. (excused)

County: Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 A.M. with a roll call of members.

A roll call of members was taken that established a quorum is present.

- Election of Officers - Mr. Fabini made a motion to nominate Mr. Larrivee as Chair; motion was seconded by Mr. Bliss with Mr. Larrivee accepting the nomination. Mr. Bliss nominated Mr. Fabini as Vice Chair; motion was seconded by Mr. Larrivee with Mr. Fabini accepting the nomination.
- Mr. Bliss stated that he would be resigning from the NW Port Charlotte Waterway Advisory Committee after this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 17, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

Public Input: None

Unfinished Business:

- Dredging Project – Mr. Mopps from the Engineering Department reported that the BCC awarded the Contract in April to Marine Contracting Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1.06 million. The pre-construction meeting was held and went smoothly. The Contractor will begin mobilizing around July 1, 2013. A request to shut down the Shellfish harvesting area on July 15, 2013 will be submitted to Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. Permission to use multiple parcels for a spoil site has been received. The spoil site is close and will shorten the hauling time considerably. The project completion time is 180 days.
- Draft Budget – Fiscal Services confirmed that the Committee has the necessary funds for the dredge project by moving the maintenance dredge out to fiscal year 2016/2017.
- Pepper Trees - There was discussion regarding pepper trees growing into the canals causing potential navigational safety issues. Mr. Mopps conveyed that the NW Port Charlotte Waterway could fund a contractor to trim the pepper trees. An assessment of the areas needing trimming would need to be completed before hiring a contractor. The Committee agreed that it should be the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Larrivee will contact Code Enforcement to see if the trimming can be approached from that stand point and will report back to the committee. Further discussion will be tabled for a later date.

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New Business:

- Patrick Flaherty - Dredging Request – the information Ms. Nothdurft e-mailed to the committee on April 29, 2013 was discussed. Mr. Flaherty is concerned about the silt filling in the Cheshire Canal where his vacant lot is located at 12663 Chancellor Blvd. Vegetation is growing across the canal on the silt. Mr. Flaherty inquired about the possibility of dredging the above referenced portion of the Cheshire Canal. The requested dredge on this interior portion of the Cheshire Waterway would require Northwest Port Charlotte Waterway MSBU approval and available funding. Mr. Mopps recommended that Mr. Flaherty's request be checked and considered when the Maintenance Dredge is done in FY 2016/17, when funding is available. The committee agreed with this recommendation. Ms. Nothdurft will respond to Mr. Flaherty with this information.
- Paul Tesauo - Canal Navigational Concern - the information Ms. Nothdurft e-mailed to the committee on April 29, 2013 was discussed. Mr. Tesauo who owns vacant property on the Dickens Waterway is concerned that the Ingersol Waterway from Lots 42 – 47 is too narrow to get a boat through from the Dickens Waterway. He also conveyed the Ingersol Waterway is clogged with refuge in this area. Mr. Mopps stated that the Ingersol Waterway is navigable, although narrow in places. The Committee requested a written statement from Engineering to that effect to be used when responding to complaints from the property owners. The above referenced area of the Ingersol Waterway that is clogged with refuge can also be checked and considered when the Maintenance Dredge is done in FY 2016/17. Ms. Nothdurft and Mr. Mopps will respond to Mr. Tesauo with this information.
- Marine Markers – New markers will be installed at the completion of the dredge project.
- Activity Report – No questions at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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